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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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REPORT

Date: July 23, 1937.

Subject: A. Sini Company, Stevedoring Contractors at 209 Broadway - Attack
on Foreman Superintendent by ex-employees.

Made by: H.S. Henschman

Forwarded by

C. G. Gaudin & J.

In connection with the recent attack on the Foreman
superintendent of the A. Sini Company, 209 Broadway, a
number of ex-casual laborers (Vice Crime No. 100-114707 of
Hong Kong Division), admitted that an ex-foreman named Hou
Hoo-ling (H. H. H.) was responsible for the crime, the execution
of which in January 1936 was done by Hou Hoo-ling to take
revenge on the Foreman Superintendent at No. 209 Broadway, who
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CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. **214/57.**

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Nankow Police Station.
17th. July 1957.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:—	Insult.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	9 a.m. to 12 noon.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Scene of crime. Station Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	On Nanking Road in rear of the Savoy Bar.		
Time and date of offence.	9 a.m. on 17.7.1957.		
" " " reported.	9 a.m. on 17.7.1957.		
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Li-ang Kyung Sung (梁錦成), Foreman Superintendent 34 Fah Lok Fong, Broadway.		
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<p>Wanted:-</p> <p>Male Chinese named Kyih Sung (吉生), age about 30 years, Height about 5'10", Native of Kumpo, Very strong Build. Casual wharf coolie, residing in the vicinity of Haiang Yien Bridge C.O.L.</p> <p>Male Chinese name unknown, age about 30, Height about 5'5", Native of Kumpo, Medium Build, also wharf coolie. Address unknown. and two others descriptions unobtainable.</p>		
Arrests.	-		
Classification of property stolen.	-	Value \$	
Classification of property recovered.	-	Value \$	
<p>In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.</p> <p>(a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.</p>	<p><i>C.D. J. C. Further</i> <i>C. 18/7</i> <i>26th 1957</i></p>		
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	<p>The complainant whilst on his way to office was accosted by four male Chinese two of whom held his arms whilst the remaining two emptied te buckets of ordure over his head. This action followed a labour dispute in the firm of A Sing Co. 205 Broadway.</p>		

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (a) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

(e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
(f) Means used (tools etc.)
(g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.
(h) Mode of transport and description.
(i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, parishing of food etc.)

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- (j) What staff employed on premises?
(k) Are they all "old" servants?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
(m) What was their "characters"?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
(o) Are old servants suspected?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 9.a.m. on 17.7.1937 the complainant came to station accompanied by Mr. Loo Ung Ming (盧吳明) assistant manager of A Sing & Co., 209 Broadway and reported that whilst on his way to work at about 8.a.m. he had been accosted by four male Chinese who had emptied two buckets of ordure over his head.

Immediate enquiries were made by D.S. Quess and C.D.S. 143 and it was ascertained that the complt. is the senior foreman employed by A Sing & Co., who are stevedoring contractors and employers of a large number of workers. According to the complainant's statement he left his home at 34 Pah Lok Fong, Broadway at about 8.a.m. on 17.7.1937 and proceeded to Nanxing Road en route to the office. When slightly in rear of the Savoy Hotel he was accosted by four coolies one known to him by name, one known by face and the other two unknown. The man known by face and one unknown to complainant thereupon caught and held complainant's arms whilst the man Kyih Sung and the fourth man then emptied the contents of two ordure buckets over his head. The complainant started to shout for help and the assailants absconded in an unknown direction. The complainant returned to his home, cleaned himself, proceeded to office and with the assistance of his assistant manager reported to this office.

Details regarding the persons concerned have been obtained and every effort will be made to effect their arrest. It is believed that they reside in straw huts in Chapei but as Kyih Sung is known to

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one of the assistant foremen employed by the company and it is thus hoped that his arrest will be effected at an early date.

On 23.3.1937 there was certain labour trouble in this company (See H'Kew Mine, No. 122/37) and the complainant and Mr. Lee Ung Ming were therefore questioned regarding the possibility of connection between the two affairs. Direct connection was doubted but during this enquiry it was ascertained that the incident was most probably caused by a change of employment methods in operation, as follows:

For several years and up till recently the employment of the casual labour for wharf work was left to the foremen who called the labourers and superintended them during the work of loading and unloading ship and transporting and storing cargoes. On occasions, however, the demand was in excess of the supply and the work suffered. The foremen were unable to call sufficient coolies and as a result a conference was called with a view to finding a solution to the difficulty. It was suggested by the complainant that the supply of coolies be placed in the hands of four contractors who would, by arrangements, supply coolies where and when required. The coolies thus employed were not necessarily members of the Stevedores Union and this resulted in the non employment of many coolies previously

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engaged by the foreman. Although the coolies were thus supplied on contract the Foremen were all retained to superintend the work as previously detailed and it is not thought that there is discontent in this direction. The present scheme has been in operation for one month without incident and as far as the company is concerned is satisfactory. As far as the Union employess or ex employees (casual) are concerned the scheme is all against them and it would appear that they have obtained knowledge that the suggestion emanated from the complainant and have taken this means of of revenge.

The complainant and Mr. Lee were both questioned regarding the possibility of Union or loafer backing and they agreed to the possibility of same. Enquiries in this direction will be continued but it is thought likely that with the arrest of Kiyik Sang further information in this respect will be forthcoming.

A copy of this report is being submitted to the Special Branch for information on the grounds that the offence is the result of labour dispute and enquiries are proceeding with a view to the arrest of the offenders.

Sen. Det. / c. *hob*

R. S.

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Activities of the Shanghai Municipality Import
and Export Trade Employees' Union.

The Shanghai Municipality Import and Export Employees' Union, otherwise known as the Shanghai Stevedores' Union, came into existence on November 29, 1936 when an inaugural meeting was held in the Yoeh Zai Primary School, Chapei. Permit No. 526 was issued by the local Tangpu granting authority to function. The present office of the Union, which claims to have about 250 members, is situated at 45 Zu Hsing Lee, Wah Hwa Road, Chapei.

The majority of the responsible members of the said Union are employees of the A. Sing Company, 208 Broadway, stevedore contractors, which employs some 90 stevedores, about 80 of whom are members of the Union.

On January 14, 1937 the A. Sing Company dismissed eight of these stevedores for general inefficiency. The Stevedores' Union presented a demand to the management that the dismissed men be reinstated, but the request was not entertained. Subsequently, the Union constantly threatened to interfere with the business of the A. Sing Company. These threats took concrete form on April 12, 1937 when the employees of the A. Sing Company were discharging cargo from the s.s. Cathay of the P. & O. Shipping Company, which was tied up at No. 11 piers off the Whangpoo River Jetty. At about 5 a.m. on the above mentioned date, a responsible member of the Union accompanied by some 100 men went aboard and by intimidation caused the stevedores to cease work.

The dispute was reported to the Bureau of Naval Affairs, and on April 15, a mediation committee was sent to the Bureau. As a result of the mediation, the dispute was

reached to the effect that three out of the eight persons dismissed were to be reinstated while the remaining five were to receive retiring gratuities equivalent to four months' pay.

The agreement was carried out by all parties accordingly and no untoward incident has occurred since that time.

Dr. S.B.

Subject to your approval a copy of this memorandum will be given to Mr Gibson (Sec.)

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to Mr Gibson
(P.C.)



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Shanghai, May 26, 1937

Mr. D. B. Ross,
Police Headquarters,
SHANGHAI.

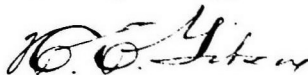
Dear Mr. Ross:

On April 13th there was trouble on the S/S CATHAY when cargo loading was prevented due to alleged activity of the Stevedore Union.

Since that time there does not appear to have been any activity on the part of the so-called Union and we are wondering if a Stevedore Union actually exists.

We are naturally following up very closely any organized labor matters and would like to secure authentic information on the subject. We would therefore greatly appreciate your kindness if you could let us know what was at the back of the occurrence on the S/S CATHAY, and any other information that you may have in respect to an organized Stevedore Union and just how much weight it may have with the workers.

Yours very truly,



H. E. GIBSON

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Date. April 14, 1937.

Subject. A. Sing Company, 208 Broadway - labour dispute.

Made by. D.P.S. Henchman

Forwarded by. J. Boyne D.S.I.

On January 14, 1937 eight employees of the A. Sing Company, stavedore contractors, situated at 208 Broadway, were dismissed by the management on the grounds that their services were untrustworthy and unsatisfactory.

The names of the eight employees are as follows:-

- 1) Woo Yao Yuan (吳耀垣) alias Woo Sung (吳勝), foreman
- 2) Doo Hong Kyi (杜鴻基), foreman
- 3) Doo Hong Fah (杜鴻發), foreman
- 4) Koh Tsiu Man (郭秋漢), foreman
- 5) Zee Wei Nyien (徐維銀), assistant foreman
- 6) Hsiao Ming Kwang (蕭明光), -do-
- 7) Hsiao Pao Loong (蕭寶隆), -do-
- 8) Wong Zung muan (王承勳), -do-

These men are all members of the Shanghai Municipality 4th District Import and Export Trade Employees' Union, the offices of which are situated at No.45 Szu Shing Li, Fu mwa Road, Chapei.

Both Woo Yao Yuan and Zee Wei Nyien are committee members of the above mentioned union. Following their dismissal, an appeal was made to the union for assistance and on the following day, 15-1-37, the Union appointed one Liao Yue Zai (廖雨材), a member of the standing committee of the union, to negotiate with the management for the reinstatement of the eight men.

On January 15, 1937 the representative of the Union interviewed one Loo Ung Ming (盧恩明) Assistant Manager of the A. Sing Company and requested that the eight employees be re-instated. The request was however refused.

The Union next appealed to the Bureau of Social Affairs to mediate in the dispute. Following a meeting between the management, the Union representatives and the dismissed

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employees, the Bureau of Social Affairs issued a memo, dated March 18, 1937, instructing the management to re-engage their employees. On receiving the above instructions, the management forwarded a petition to the Bureau of Social Affairs expressing its unwillingness to reinstate the dismissed men and requesting the Bureau to make further enquiries.

From the time of the dismissal of the employees in question and up to the present, the management of the A. Sing

Company has been constantly subjected to threats from Union members and on several occasions the management has had to request protection from Wayside Station when loading or unloading cargo from ships moored at wharves in Wayside district. These threats took concrete form on April 12, 1937 when some 20 employees of the A. Sing Company together with about 60 casual labourers, were discharging cargo aboard the P. & O. "Cathay" which was tied up at No. 11 pontoon off the Whashing Road Jetty. At 5 a.m. on the above mentioned date, Liao Yue Zai, the Union representative, accompanied by some 100 men, alleged to be members of the Union, went aboard and by intimidation caused the stevedores to cease work.

The management of the company appealed to Acting Mayor O.K. Yui who in turn instructed the Chief of the Water Police, (Shanghai City Government Police Bureau) Mr. Wei Tsi Chung, to settle the dispute. Through the latter's efforts the intruders consented to withdraw pending a settlement of the dispute, and work resumed at about 4 p.m. April 12, 1937.

Between 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. April 13, a meeting was held in the office of the Bureau of Social Affairs to settle the dispute; the following persons attended :-

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Mr. Hsu Ya-foo, Chief of the 3rd Section of the Bureau of Social Affairs.

Mr. Loh Keh-ming (陸克明), representative of the General Labour Union.

Mr. Loo Ying-ming (盧英明), General Manager of A. Sing & Company.

Mr. Loo Wei-ming (盧偉明), Assistant Manager of A. Sing & Company.

As a result of the meeting the following agreement was reached.

- 1) That three out of the eight dismissed employees, namely Hsiao Pao Loong, Koh Tsiu Han and Wong Zung Huan, be reinstated.
- 2) That the remaining five employees will be requested to resign.
- 3) That retiring gratuities equivalent to 4 months' pay be issued to these employees.

The five employees who are to suffer compulsory resignation have expressed dissatisfaction with their lot and it is expected that they may try to cause trouble in the future.

The A. Sing Company employs about 130 men including 91 who are stevedores; 80 of these stevedores are members of the 4th District Import and Export Trade Employees' Union.

The Company contracts to provide stevedores for the following foreign firms:-

- 1) Lacey & Cannan Ltd. 12 The Bund.
- 2) P. & O. Shipping Company, 27 The Bund.
- 3) Glen Line & Prince Line, Glen Line Building, The Bund.
- 4) Dodwell & Company, 17 Canton Road.
- 5) East Asiatic, 17 Canton Road.
- 6) Lloyd Triestino, 170 Kiangse Road.

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7) Canadian Pacific, 27 The Bund.

8) United States Steel Products Company, 17 Canton Road.

9) Gibb, Livingstone & Company, Jinkee Road.

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— **Misc.No.188/37.**

"C" Division.
Hongkew Police Station.
23rd. March 19 **37.**

Diary Number: **1.**

Nature of Offence:—

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

**Labour dispute in the firm
of A Sing Co, 208 Broadway.**

At 9.19.a.m. on 23.3.1937 one named Loo Ung Ming (盧鴻明) assistant manager of the firm of A-Sing Co., 209 Broadway, came to the station and made the following report:—

On 14.1.1937 eight coolies had been dismissed from his business their work as stevedores being unsatisfactory. All these men were members of the Stevedores Union with offices at Loo Shing Li, Wah Hwo Road, O.O.L. and, subsequent to their dismissal, had appealed to the Union for re-instatement. The matter was laid before the Commercial Bureau of the S.C.G. and before the Bureau of Social Affairs who were asked to assist in the re-instatement of the dismissed workers.

At 9.a.m. on 22.3.1937 one named Lieu of the Stevedores Union visited the complainant at 209 Broadway together with three of the dismissed workmen and asked that all the eight be re-engaged by the firm immediately.

The complainant's brother Loo Ying Ming (who is the financial backer of the firm is now in Hong-kong and the complainant therefore informed Mr.Lieu that the matter would first have to be placed before Loo Ying Ming and that his reply would be communicated to the Union on the 27.3.1937.



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Complainant further alleges that at about 8.p.m. on 22.3.1937 he received a telephone message supposedly from the Union stating that an immediate reply was wanted failing which drastic action would be taken and, possibly, blood shed. Complainant replied to the effect that without reference to Loo Ying Ming in Hongkong no definite reply could be given at that stage.

At about 8.45.a.m. on 23.3.1937 the complainant was informed by members of his staff that three male Chinese had entered the rear door of the offices at No. 113 Nanzing Road and acting in a suspicious manner. The complainant made report to the station and the undersigned D.S.I. ^{Shao} ~~Zen~~, C.D.S. 34 and C.D.C. 327 proceeded to 113 Nanzing Road where two male Chinese were found, sitting at a table reading the newspapers. These two were questioned but appeared hostile and gave evasive answers to detectives' questions, they were brought to station where they gave their names etc. as follows:—

Kwoh Yoo Shi (郭月仙), 48, Kompo, M/Coolie foreman,
2 Ching Ying Road, O.O.L.

Tseu Dah Yoong (崔大勇), 36, Yangchow, M/Coolie foreman,
31 Chaotung Road, O.O.L.

The first man on being questioned stated that he was a member of the Stevedores Union his number being 131. He was a foreman employed by the Kwang Tai Kyi (廣泰記) Stevedore Co., 47 Hwakes Road.

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This man stated that he knew of the dispute between the complainant company and the dismissed workers but that he had been informed by the Union that the matter was to be settled. On the evening of the 22.3.1937 he was in the Union offices in Chapel when he was informed by the Union clerk named Soong (宋) that he was to proceed to the complainant's offices on the morning of the 23.3.37 and to await the arrival of the Union representatives. This he did but after waiting with Tseu Dah Yoong and one other Kau Poo Koo (高步科), who left prior to the arrival of Police, no representative arrived but the complainant arrived with detectives and brought him to the station. This man denies knowing why he was told to visit the complainant's offices.

Tseu Dah Yoong states that he is also employed at the Kwang Tai Kyi Stevedore Co., 47 Hwakes Road but that on the morning of the 23.3.1937, there being no work for him, he proceeded to 113 Nanzing Road to see the foreman named Siau Yih roo (蕭月福) on the off chance that he would be called upon to assist in unloading the s:s: Express of Russia due to dock at 1.p.m. 23.3.1937. Whilst waiting for Siau Yih roo the police arrived and took him to station. Throughout the whole of the en-quiries both at Nanzing road and at station this man appeared very hostile and a type that would be called upon to assist in stirring up trouble. He admitted being a member of

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Union and gave his number as 105.

At 2.30.p.m. 23.3.1937 the complainant again came to station and reported that at 11.a.m. three representatives of the Union had called at his office and had apologised for the occurrence stating that same was owing to a misunderstanding on the part of those concerned. It was agreed that the Union would wait until the 27.3.37 for their reply and that no untoward incidents would occur

Previously the complainant had stated that he feared that Union pickets would interfere with his workmen when unloading the cargo of the s.s. Express of Russia. Wayside station was informed of this as the boat was docking at 1.p.m. at the Hongkew Shanghai Wharf. No untoward incidents has, however, occurred and the work is being carried out without interruption.

The Special Branch was informed and D.S.Larby and D.S.I.^h visited this office and interrogated the parties concerned.

On the conclusion of enquiries the two coolies were released but special attention is being paid to the offices of the complainant to avoid any possible trouble in the future.

W. K. Duncan
Sen. Det. I/c. 23/3
D.D.O. "C" Division.

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REPORT

Central Station,

Date April 16th 1937.

Subject Reference passing of Japanese Marine Buglers through Central District.

Made by Inspector Brownrigg

ForWARDED BY

Inspector C. Bishop

Sir,

At 9.50 a.m. 16-4-37, sixty five Japanese Marine Buglers, two officers and cyclists with carrier pigeons entered the Central District, via Garden Bridge, blowing their bugles. The detachment fell out for fifteen minutes in the Bund Gardens and eventually marched off again at 10.10 a.m. on their way to Jessfield via The Bund and Nanking Road. These troops were met at Garden Bridge by an escort from Central Station who marched with them to Shanse and Nanking roads corner. Louza Station was informed by telephone immediately the detachment left the Bund Gardens.

Inspector
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D. C. (Special Branch) ✓

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Memorandum.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

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D.C. (D.C.)

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
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Shanghai, April N^o 1937.
To D. C. "Dins"

Reference attached,
The party will leave
their barracks at 9 a.m.
instead 8.30 a.m.

Police escort is
desired, and requested
to arrive here

At 12 m/s

